

Departmental Short-Term and Long-Term Strategic Issues

Department: Circuit Court Clerk's Office

FY2007

Short-Term Issues: List critical issues facing the department now and through the next couple fiscal years.

- The single most critical issue facing the circuit court clerk's office is that of storing and retrieving case files. It is projected that our office's annual cost for off-site storage and retrieval will increase from its current expense of \$16,000 to \$24,000 in the next fiscal year. This represents a 400% increase over the past ten years. Eventually, this cost will rise to a level that may require Roanoke County to consider maintaining its own storage facility.

Long-Term Issues: List major issues or trends that may confront the department beyond the next couple fiscal years.

- Again, with each passing year, the cost of off-site file storage and retrieval continues to grow substantially, and Roanoke County may need to consider other alternatives.